

# NEWS MEDCO VIEWS

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## Service Award Pins

Because of illness, trips and other commitments, there were several men unable to attend the gathering of retired MEDCO employees at North's Chuck Wagon on April 13th.

The men not shown in the picture are Roy Kelley, 28 yrs., Frank Blew, 27 yrs., Ray Tefren, 23 yrs., Ernest Smith, 22 yrs., Ralph Raymond, 22 yrs., Leonard Richman, 22 yrs., Carl Carlson, 21 yrs., Walter Kindred, 21 yrs., Henry Wilkinson, 17 yrs., Grant Wion, 16 yrs., Harry Daily, 13 yrs., and William Juhnke, 16 yrs.

These years of service represent only those with the MEDCO operation since they started in 1935.

This list includes those men who have retired during the past five years. Because of inadequate records and locations of those who may have retired previously; this date was selected. In the future each man will receive his Service Award Pin upon retirement. Some of the fellows have suggested that a club be formed of the retired MEDCO men for social activities and to give them an opportunity to swap yarns.

## Medco Board of Directors Meet in Chicago

The annual meeting of the Board of Directors of Medford Corporation was held in Chicago last month with Mr. B. L. Nutting, R. J. Hogue and K. E. Pickens attending from Medford.

Stockholders re-elected the entire Board of Directors—George R. Birkelund, Alger Chaney, James Fentress, Paul Fentress, Calvin Fentress, James Holland, Austin Jenner, B. L. Nutting and R. J. Hogue.

Mr. George Birkelund retired as Chairman of the Board but will continue to serve on the Board of Directors. The office left vacant will not be filled at the present time, however Mr. Alger Chaney will handle the duties of the office.

## FIRE REPORTED

The fire you read about at Bambi's Restaurant was reported to the fire department by your MEDCO night watchman, Guy West. Guy was making his rounds early in the morning and just as he stepped out of the office he noticed the smoke and immediately turned in the alarm.

Officers elected for the coming year are: President - Alger Chaney, Senior Vice President - B. L. Nutting, Executive Vice President - R. J. Hogue, Vice President - James Fentress, Secretary and Assistant Treasurer - Peter Erikson, Treasurer and Assistant Secretary - K. E. Pickens and as Assistant Secretary - Laura B. Vertenten.

## Navy Accepts Grad

Gary Ottoman, 18 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ottoman has been notified of his acceptance by the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis. Gary has been a member of the Naval Reserve for the past year and it was through this association he made application. He will leave for Annapolis on June 26th, only a short time after his graduation from Medford High School in early June.

It goes without saying that Gary's father, Robert Ottoman, in the Transportation Department is very proud of the honor bestowed on his son.



Retired MEDCO employees gathered to receive their Service Award pins at North's Chuck Wagon on Saturday, April 13th. Seated are: Albert Hofmann, 22 yrs., Arthur Golden, 25 yrs., Robert Edmundson, 28 yrs., Earl Hoover, 20 yrs., Clay Conley, 27 yrs., Roscoe Doty, 27

yrs., Frank Fanger, 18 yrs., Everett Gillespie, 27 yrs. Standing: Fred Daugherty, 18 yrs., Wallace Montieth, 26 yrs., Pharaoh Dyer, 19 yrs., Dorr Hoffman, 28 yrs., Earl Peyton, 23 yrs., Elmer Scalberg, 14 yrs., Smith Trent, 26 yrs., Boyd Kline, 15 yrs., David Blumenstein, 27 yrs.,

Frank Haselton, 18 yrs., Elmer King, 19 yrs., Robert Coffman, 28 yrs., Arthur Myers, 25 yrs., Fred Kincaid, 10 yrs., Victor Eakin, 20 yrs., Frank Vosika, 18 yrs., John Porter, 15 yrs.



# LOG DUMP - MILL POND - LOG BARKER

It was cold, wet and raining like --- when the Editor visited the log dump but from all outward appearances you wouldn't know they were aware of the weather. Log trucks kept coming in loaded and going away empty just about three minutes after pulling alongside the winch A-frame. When we were there Emil Peterson had gone off shift and Stanley Dalbeck was operating the winch. He told us that as many as 92 trucks went through the dump many days . . . now take the 8-hour day with 480 minutes and divide that by 92 gives 5.3 minutes per truck. That doesn't leave much time between trucks.

Several of these men double as trainmen doing switching and other jobs in the yard when necessary.

On the pond are Edward Inman, head pondman; Stuart Henson, 2nd pondman; Harold Burton, 2nd pond-

man; Don Goddard, slip feeder; Carl Stockford, loading engineer; George Pearce, brakeman; Floyd Hickman, fireman and Tom Graves, engineer.

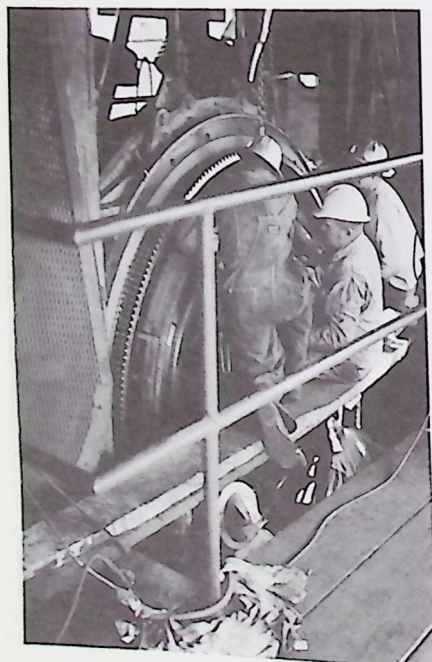
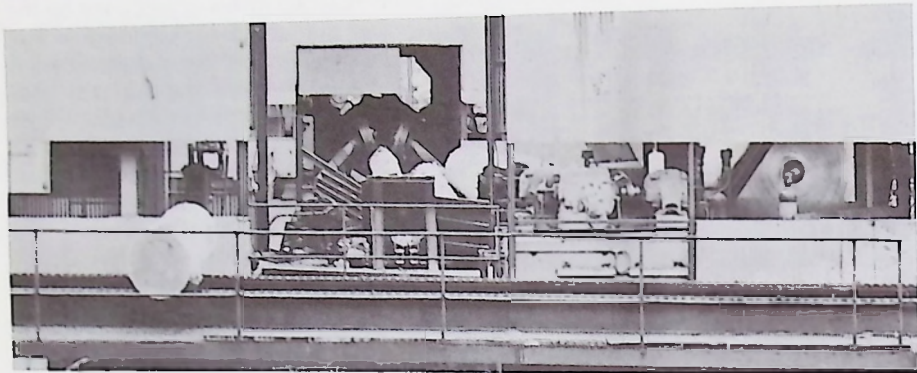
Their job is sorting the logs in the pond, building booms to feed the barker at night and feeding both sawmill and barker by day. Then there are sinkers to contend with all through the year, cleaning the pond occasionally plus hundreds of other little jobs. Bill Gates, foreman of the pond and log dump operations is kept busy jumping from one area to another to help on the problems which arise.

The barker operation is very important to the sawmill and plywood plants. All peeler blocks must be barked before going to the plywood plant. Saw logs are much easier handled without bark, plus, the bark lowers chip value until it cannot be shipped as a marketable product.

The ring barker operators are Joe Killingsworth on days and Robert Rose on nights, Herman Linville does the marking on days and the night shift marker is David Case. The cut-off saw is run by Wendell Carson on the night shift with Norman Vance holding down the day shift. Everett Music and Arling Lofthus do the muscle work on the night shift and William Tighe is the 1st pond leadman on nights.

On days the other jobs are handled by James Griffith, side lift feeder operator; Terry Stimmel, hog chipper tender; Robert Koger, chip car tender; Joseph Garris, utility man and Floyd Hackworth filling in at different spots.

Geo. Davis and his barker crew are kept busy processing all the logs for the sawmill and the plywood plant as total scale used by both plants runs into a sizeable figure.

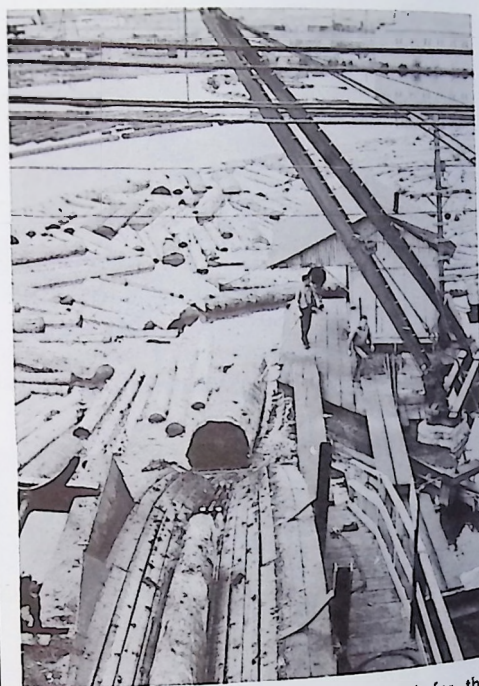


Not every machine will run forever without a breakdown or malfunction of some kind and so it was with the barker recently. Here the crew is making repairs on the ring to get it back into operation as fast as possible.



One of the pond boats gets repair work and new type cooling system to make it ready for the heavier work coming this spring. The water is routed from the cooling system through the outside rail to provide increased cooling capacity for the engine.

"I have been too busy to go to Reno this year so I just sent my money."



The route taken by logs destined for the sawmill after leaving the pond is via the log haul shown here. The little house on floats provides protection for pond workmen in stormy weather during their breaks.

The one-armed stranger winced as the barber nicked him with the razor, but the barber paid no attention and kept on talking and nicked him again and again. Finally the barber asked, "Haven't I seen you in here before?" "No," replied the one-armed man, "I lost this arm in a sawmill."

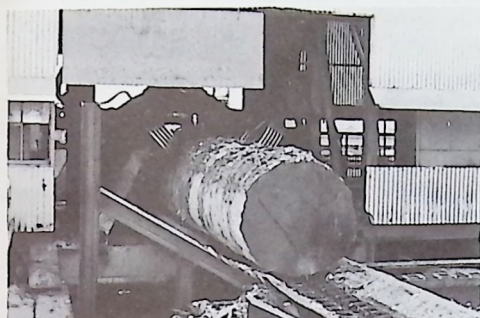
Hostess to little boy at party: "Why don't you eat your jello?" Little Boy (watching jello closely): "It ain't dead yet."





The pond crew jockeys logs into position to be fed either to the barker or to the sawmill. All logs which are not too large are run through the barker, however those which cannot be

barked are routed directly to the sawmill. In the background is the log dump with a loaded truck ready for dumping.



A big one comes through the barker to the marking and cut-off crew where it will be cut into peeler blocks or sent to the sawmill for lumber.



One of the logs too big to be run through the barker is sent up the log haul to the sawmill. In some cases the extra large ones give the sawmill crew a bit of a rough time getting them into the mill.

## Union Meeting May 18

Recording Secretary of the L.S.W. Union, Harold B. O'Connors announced a meeting to be held on May 18th to amend that section of the Union By-Laws which requires a Business Agent be retained. Also on the agenda for that meeting is setting of the officers' salaries and the nomination of new officers. Mr. O'Connors asked that a good representation of the membership be present (in spite of fishing weather) to make these important decisions in the operation of the Union.

Another meeting was announced for June 22nd when Union officers will be elected. Mr. O'Connors said this meeting also requires your attendance to let your new officers know your feelings about the Union and what you expect of them.

## NEW BABY DEPT.

Everett and Wilma Music have a new little guest at their home who arrived on April 27th weighing all of 7 lbs. 15 oz. She has been named Alma Mae and her arrival was routed via the Osteopathic Hospital in Central Point.

## NEW EQUIPMENT

Several thousand dollars have been invested to save some drying time and to help keep you and your company in a business which is very competitive. The new Lauck's Sentry Moisture Detectors installed on the green end veneer lines will cut down on the use-less time spent in the dryer for veneer which does not require it and also indicate which veneer has to spend a longer time in the dryer to prevent re-drying cycles.

The detectors will make three sorts . . . 0 to 60% will receive no mark by the detectors, 60% to 125% will get one mark and over 125% will get two marks. The marks are made by using regular household detergent mixed with water by machine under pressure. This creates a long-lasting creamy type lather like shaving cream but does not harm or permanently mark the veneer sheets. Jack Hanson cautions you that the creamy lather will not work for shaving because it is too dry . . . wonder if he tried it?

Modern tools combined with the cooperation of workmen should keep us in the competitive field with other companies. Neither tools nor employees alone are enough to meet competition . . . it takes a "TEAM"

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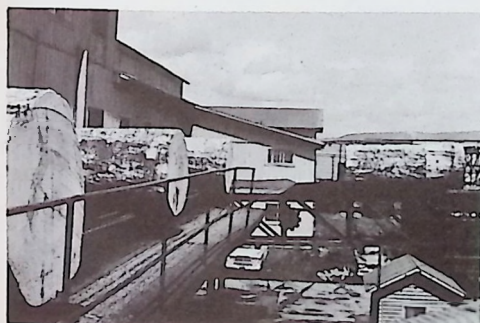
## School Tours Plant

The Fourth Grade of the Central Point Elementary School were our guests for a tour of both the Plywood Plant and the Sawmill last Monday, May 6th.

The teachers, Mrs. Sullivan and Mrs. Manley were most appreciative of your hospitality and assured us the children had learned a great deal which would never have made such an impression had it come from books or lectures.

And all the time you thought you were making plywood and lumber and didn't know you were contributing to some child's education . . . to many of them this will live in their minds forever.

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The same log after barking and cut into peeler blocks is on its way to the plywood pond via the overhead conveyor system.

## FIRST AID SCHOOL

Instructor LeRoy Williams issued 18 First Aid Certificates to MEDCO employees who have completed the course of training at the Butte Falls High School being held over the past several weeks. This course was sponsored by your company and was open to any employee who wished to join. Watch for future instruction courses as this is one of the most valuable of all study programs.



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## Visits Son in East

Mrs. Nutting accompanied Mr. Nutting on the recent trip to Chicago and following the meeting they flew on to Bedford, Mass. to visit their son, B. L. Nutting, Jr.

An ex-paratrooper and Harvard Business School grad, the younger Mr. Nutting combines sales promotion with sky-diving and also keeps up on his reserve training for the Paratroops. It is understandable that Mr. Nutting, Sr. isn't overly enthusiastic about the sky-diving activity, few parents would encourage this as the ideal sport.

## Wedding Bells Ring

Arling Lofthus took some time off from his job on the barker to catch himself a wife recently. The newlyweds have done a remarkable job of keeping their secret as the Editor was unable to find out anything except that the bride's name is Mary . . . oh, well, wait until she slugs him with some of the dishes then he will talk.

"How did you get that scar across your nose?"

"From glasses."

"Why don't you get contact lenses?"

"They don't hold enough beer."

## NEW JEWELRY

The bright little voice answering the telephone in the office at the reception desk will be saying "I do" some of these days, according to the new "sparkler" she is wearing. Her eyes lighted up and she started blushing as she announced to the Editor she had a little news item for him . . . then she held up her left hand to show the ring. You would have thought she had just won the Empire State Building she was so excited.

Feeling ill one night a man went into the bathroom for some aspirin. The light bulb was burned out so in the dark he picked up a familiar-feeling bottle and took two of the pills.

The next morning his wife asked if he had taken some pills last night and when he said he had she exclaimed, "Those are for my sweet peas."

Choking, the man dashed to his doctor and after an examination the doctor reported, "There is nothing to worry about, you have just taken the equivalent of 120 bushels of sheep fertilizer."



The new D6C Caterpillar tractor was shot before it went to the woods and had a chance to get dirty. This turbo-charged unit develops over 95 h.p. and is equipped with a Hyster D6C winch, Medford Steel Canopy and hydraulic controlled dozer.

## RETIREMENT TAKEN

Dorr Hoffman has retired to take a well-earned rest after spending 37 years in the sawmill. Dorr went to work in the old sawmill for Owen-Oregon Lumber Company on September 10, 1926, before the present mill was built.

One of the outstanding facts of Dorr's long association in his job was his safety record. During the 37 years he was off for a short time with a smashed finger and that was his complete accident record.

In a telephone conversation with the Editor, Dorr explained his pension would be \$44.55 per month in addition to his Social Security. He hasn't had the opportunity to really give the new fishing gear a try but assured the boys in the mill that their gift to him was appreciated and he would use it well.



Dorr Hoffman, surrounded by many of the friends he has worked with for years, prepares to leave the plant on his last day of work before retirement. His fellow workers had bought him a new rod and reel so he could better enjoy his

retirement but he was so excited he could hardly open the packages. "After twenty-eight years, it's a little hard to say goodbye," remarked Dorr during the banter of his well-wishers.